

and hydrodynamic pressure generating grooves slanting against an axial direction; and lubricating oil or lubricating grease impregnated in pores inside the bearing body, wherein said lubricating oil or a base oil of said lubricating grease is a lubricating oil selected from among mixtures of poly- α -olefin or hydrogenated compound thereof and ester wherein, the plurality of bearing surfaces are formed at an inner periphery of said bearing body and are separated from one another by an endless circumferential groove at the inner periphery, each bearing surface defined by the hydrodynamic pressure generating grooves, and ridges bordered by the hydrodynamic pressure generating grooves, the endless circumferential groove being concave with respect to the ridges of the bearing surface. - -

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REMARKS

Claims 1-24 are pending in the Application. By this Amendment, claims 1 and 6 are amended and claims 23 and 24 are added.

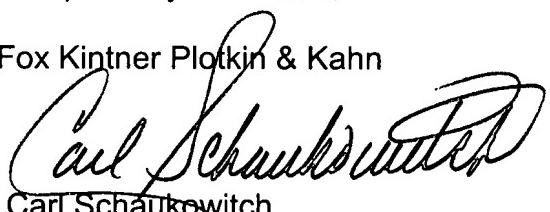
In view of the foregoing, prompt and favorable consideration of the Application is respectfully solicited. Should the Examiner believe anything further is desirable in order to place the application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

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In the event this paper is not being timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension together with any additional fees may be charged to Counsel's Deposit Account 01-2300.

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